

Remarks

Claims 1 and 4-22 are pending in this application. Applicant has amended claims 1, 21, and 22 to clarify the present invention. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application.

Amended claims 1, 21, and 22 are clearly supported by the specification. For example, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the passage at page 9, lines 15-25 of the specification.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 5, and 15-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 6,150,733 to Podszun et al. in view of EP 0 778 559 to Kobayashi et al. The Examiner rejected claims 6-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Podszun et al. in view of Kobayashi et al. and further in view of DE 102 26 477 to Stich.

The combination of Podszun et al. and Kobayashi et al. does not suggest the invention recited in claims 1, 21 or 22 since, among other things, the combination does not suggest a system that includes a sensor mounted in connection with wheel suspension of a vehicle to sense road excited vibrations. The combination also does not suggest a sensor mounted on the engine or power transmission to sense engine excited vibrations. Additionally, Podszun et al. does not suggest a steering wheel mounted sensor. Podszun et al. only suggests a computer unit 7 for detecting and determining primary oscillations. Podszun et al. does not suggest any of the sensors recited in claims 1, 21, and 22 to sense the vibrations recited in claims 1, 21, and 22.

Kobayashi et al. only suggests controlling vibrations, but not the specific vibrations recited in claims 1, 21, and 22 or sensors mounted in the specific locations recited in claims 1, 21, and 22. Sensors 47, 48 and 50 for noise, floor, and steering, respectively, are described by Kobayashi et al. as error sensors. In view of the above, the combination of Podszun et al. and Kobayashi et al. does not suggest the present invention as recited in claims 1, 4, 5, and 15-22.

The combination of Podszun et al. and Stich does not suggest the present invention as recited in claims 6-14, which depend from claim 1, since, among other things, the combination does not suggest a system that includes a sensor mounted in connection with wheel suspension of a vehicle to sense road excited vibrations. The combination also does not suggest a sensor mounted on the engine or power transmission to sense engine excited vibrations. The deficiencies of Podszun et al. are discussed above. Stich also does not overcome these deficiencies. Therefore, the combination of Podszun et al. and Stich does not suggest the present invention as recited in claims 6-14.

In view of the above, the references relied upon in the office action do not suggest patentable features of the claimed invention. Therefore, the references relied upon in the office action do not make the claimed invention obvious. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections based upon the cited references.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this case and issuance of the Notice of Allowance.

If an interview would advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant respectfully urges the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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